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SUBJECT: KOREANS REACT TO KYODO REPORT KIM CHONG-IL DESIGNATED
SUCCESSOR

REF: TOKYO 2594

1. EMBOFF CHECKED FEBRUARY 25 WITH MOFA OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING NORTH KOREA CONCERNING CONTENTS REFTEL. OFFICIALS SAID THEY KNOW NOTHING OF KIM CHONG-IL'S DESIGNATION AS SUCCESSOR BESIDES KYODO REPORT (REFTEL). HOWEVER, YI TONG-BOK, ROK CO-CHAIRMAN SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ADVISED EMBASSY THAT ROKG 18 MONTHS AGO ACQUIRED DOCUMENTS FROM NORTH KOREA CONCERNING ANNOINTMENT OF KIM CHONG-IL NOW BEING CIRCULATED IN JAPAN AND SAID CHOCHONGNYON (LISTED AS ONE OF KYODO'S SOURCES) IS APPARENTLY ONLY REPEATING PREVIOUS KOREAN WORKERS PARTY DECISION MADE AT 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1975. YI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME DEBATE IN PYONGYANG ABOUT WHETHER TO GO PUBLIC OR NOT, ROKG BELIEVES KIM CHONG-IL'S POSITION AS PRINCE REGENT

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HAS BEEN BASICALLY SECURE SINCE 1975 DESIGNATION, AND THAT AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT ONLY BRIEFLY INTERRUPTED THAT STATUS.

2. KOREAN PRESS FEBRUARY 24 GAVE KYODO REPORT PROMPT AND HEAVY PLAY, FRONTPAGING REPORT ITSELF, AND ALSO PRINTING PHOTOS, BIOS, AND EDITORIALS INSIDE.

PRESS PLAY CONTINUED FEBRUARY 25, ALSO INCLUDING
REPORTS JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE INITIAL SKEPTICISM.
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